

T08D11 – Acid Base Topic HL Exam

Name KEY

1. Four aqueous solutions, I, II, III and IV, are listed below.

- I. $0.100 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ HCl}$
- II. $0.010 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ HCl}$
- III. $0.100 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ NaOH}$
- IV. $0.010 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ NaOH}$

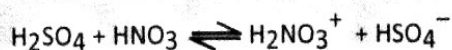
* Explanations for questions
#1-20 can be found on
the SL exam KEY

What is the correct order of **increasing** pH of these solutions?

- A. I, II, III, IV
 - ☒ B. I, II, IV, III
 - C. II, I, III, IV
 - D. II, I, IV, III
2. Which methods will distinguish between equimolar solutions of a strong base and a strong acid?
- I. Add magnesium to each solution and look for the formation of gas bubbles.
 - II. Add aqueous sodium hydroxide to each solution and measure the temperature change.
 - III. Use each solution in a circuit with a battery and lamp and see how bright the lamp glows.
- ☒ A. I and II only
 - B. I and III only
 - C. II and III only
 - D. I, II and III
3. Which **one** of the following species can act as both a Brønsted-Lowry acid and base in aqueous solution?
- A. CH_3COOH
 - B. NO_3^-
 - ☒ C. H_2PO_4^-
 - D. OH^-
4. An aqueous solution of which of the following reacts with magnesium metal?
- A. Ammonia
 - ☒ B. Hydrogen chloride
 - C. Potassium hydroxide
 - D. Sodium hydrogencarbonate
5. Which is a conjugate acid-base pair in the following reaction?



- A. HNO_3 and H_2SO_4
 - ☒ B. HNO_3 and H_2NO_3^+
 - C. HNO_3 and HSO_4^-
 - D. H_2NO_3^+ and HSO_4^-
6. The equation for the reaction between nitric acid and sulfuric acid is shown below.



Which species are acting as acids in this reaction according to the Brønsted-Lowry theory?

- A. H_2SO_4 and HNO_3
- ☒ B. H_2SO_4 and H_2NO_3^+
- C. HNO_3 and H_2NO_3^+
- D. H_2NO_3^+ and HSO_4^-

7. Which of the following is/are formed when a metal oxide reacts with a dilute acid?
- I. A metal salt
 - II. Water
 - III. Hydrogen gas
- A. I only
☒ B. I and II only
C. II and III only
D. I, II and III
8. The pH of a solution is 2. If its pH is increased to 6, how many times greater is the $[H^+]$ of the original solution?
- A. 3
B. 4
C. 1000
☒ D. 10 000
9. Which equation represents an acid-base reaction according to the Lewis theory **but not** according to the Brønsted-Lowry theory?
- A. $CO_3^{2-}(aq) + 2H^+(aq) \rightarrow H_2O(l) + CO_2(g)$
☒ B. $Cu^{2+}(aq) + 4NH_3(aq) \rightarrow Cu(NH_3)_4^{2+}(aq)$
C. $BaO(s) + H_2O(l) \rightarrow Ba^{2+}(aq) + 2OH^-(aq)$
D. $NH_3(g) + HCl(g) \rightarrow NH_4Cl(s)$
10. Lime was added to a sample of soil and the pH changed from 4 to 6. What was the corresponding change in the hydrogen ion concentration?
- A. increased by a factor of 2
B. increased by a factor of 100
C. decreased by a factor of 2
☒ D. decreased by a factor of 100
11. Which substance can be dissolved in water to give a 0.1 mol dm^{-3} solution with a high pH and a high electrical conductivity?
- A. HCl
B. NaCl
C. NH_3
☒ D. NaOH
12. In which reaction is $H_2PO_4^-(aq)$ acting as a Brønsted-Lowry base?
- A. $H_2PO_4^-(aq) + NH_3(aq) \rightarrow HPO_4^{2-}(aq) + NH_4^+(aq)$
B. $H_2PO_4^-(aq) + OH^-(aq) \rightarrow HPO_4^{2-}(aq) + H_2O(l)$
C. $H_2PO_4^-(aq) + C_2H_5NH_2(aq) \rightarrow HPO_4^{2-}(aq) + C_2H_5NH_3^+(aq)$
☒ D. $H_2PO_4^-(aq) + CH_3COOH(aq) \rightarrow H_3PO_4(aq) + CH_3COO^-(aq)$
13. The pH of solution X is 1 and that of Y is 2. Which statement is correct about the hydrogen ion concentrations in the two solutions?
- A. $[H^+]$ in X is half that in Y.
B. $[H^+]$ in X is twice that in Y.
C. $[H^+]$ in X is one tenth of that in Y.
☒ D. $[H^+]$ in X is ten times that in Y.

14. When the following 1.0 mol dm^{-3} solutions are listed in increasing order of pH (lowest first), what is the correct order?
- ☒ A. $\text{HNO}_3 < \text{H}_2\text{CO}_3 < \text{NH}_3 < \text{Ba(OH)}_2$
- B. $\text{NH}_3 < \text{Ba(OH)}_2 < \text{H}_2\text{CO}_3 < \text{HNO}_3$
- C. $\text{Ba(OH)}_2 < \text{H}_2\text{CO}_3 < \text{NH}_3 < \text{HNO}_3$
- D. $\text{HNO}_3 < \text{H}_2\text{CO}_3 < \text{Ba(OH)}_2 < \text{NH}_3$
15. Which substance, when dissolved in water, to give a 0.1 mol dm^{-3} solution, has the highest pH?
- A. HCl
- B. NaCl
- C. NH_3
- ☒ D. NaOH
16. Lime is added to a lake to neutralize the effects of acid rain. The pH value of the lake water rises from 4 to 7. What is the change in concentration of H^+ ions in the lake water?
- A. An increase by a factor of 3
- B. An increase by a factor of 1000
- C. A decrease by a factor of 3
- ☒ D. A decrease by a factor of 1000
17. Which change in $[\text{H}^+]$ causes the biggest increase in pH?
- A. A change in $[\text{H}^+(\text{aq})]$ from 1×10^{-3} to $1 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$
- B. A change in $[\text{H}^+(\text{aq})]$ from 1×10^{-3} to $1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$
- C. A change in $[\text{H}^+(\text{aq})]$ from 1×10^{-4} to $1 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$
- ☒ D. A change in $[\text{H}^+(\text{aq})]$ from 1×10^{-4} to $1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$
18. Which methods can distinguish between solutions of a strong monoprotic acid and a weak monoprotic acid of the same concentration?
- I. Add magnesium to each solution and measure the rate of the formation of gas bubbles.
- II. Add aqueous sodium hydroxide to each solution and measure the temperature change.
- III. Use each solution in a circuit with a battery and lamp and see how bright the lamp glows.
- A. I and II only
- B. I and III only
- C. II and III only
- ☒ D. I, II and III
19. Which species are a conjugate pair according to the Brønsted-Lowry theory?
- A. CH_3COOH and CH_3CHO
- B. NH_3 and BF_3
- C. H_2NO_3^+ and NO_3^-
- ☒ D. H_2SO_4 and HSO_4^-
20. Which is **not** a strong acid?
- A. Nitric acid
- B. Sulfuric acid
- ☒ C. Carbonic acid
- D. Hydrochloric acid

HL Questions: The following questions 21 – 31 are HL level questions

21. Which is a buffer solution?

- I. $0.01 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ HCl}, 0.01 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ NaCl}$ **STRONG ACID & IT'S SALT**
 II. $0.01 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ CH}_3\text{COOH}, 0.01 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ CH}_3\text{COONa}$ **WEAK ACID & IT'S SALT**

- A. I only
 B. II only
 C. Both I and II
 D. Neither I nor II

for buffers.

(Total 1 mark)

22. The K_a value for an acid is 1.0×10^{-2} . What is the K_b value for its conjugate base?

- A. 1.0×10^{-2}
 B. 1.0×10^{-6}
 C. 1.0×10^{-10}
 D. 1.0×10^{-12}

$$K_a \times K_b = K_w$$

$$1 \times 10^{-2} \times K_b = 1 \times 10^{-14}$$

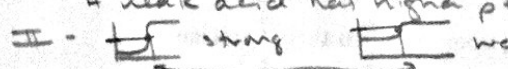
$$K_b = 1 \times 10^{-12}$$

(Total 1 mark)

23. Separate 20.0 cm^3 solutions of a weak acid and a strong acid of the same concentration are titrated with NaOH solution. Which will be the same for these two titrations?

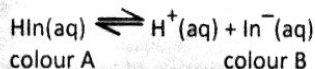
- I. Initial pH
 II. pH at equivalence point
 III. Volume of NaOH required to reach the equivalence point

- A. I only
 B. III only
 C. I and II only
 D. II and III only

I - A strong acid has a lower pH (fully dissociated)
 A weak acid has higher pH (in equilibrium).
 II -  strong weak (different pH)
 III - look above - same volume needed.

(Total 1 mark)

24. An acid-base indicator, HIn, dissociates according to the following equation.



Which statement about this indicator is correct?

- I. In a strongly acidic solution colour B would be seen.
 II. In a neutral solution the concentrations of HIn(aq) and $\text{In}^-(\text{aq})$ must be equal.
 III. It is suitable for use in titrations involving weak acids and weak bases.

- A. I only
 B. II only
 C. III only
 D. None of the above

phenolphthalein
 I - In strongly acidic \rightarrow HIn dominates.
 II - only true for equal concentrations of SA/SB.
 III - usually miss the equivalence point.

(Total 1 mark)

25. Which compound, when dissolved in aqueous solution, has the highest pH?

- A. NaCl $\text{NaOH(s)} \rightarrow \text{Neutral}$
 B. Na_2CO_3 $\text{NaOH(s)} \rightarrow \text{strong base, weak acid. (basic)}$
 C. NH_4Cl $\text{NH}_3(\text{w}) \rightarrow \text{Acidic}$
 D. NH_4NO_3 $\text{NH}_3(\text{w}) \rightarrow \text{Acidic}$

(Total 1 mark)

26. Which neutralization reaction could use phenolphthalein ($pK_a = 9.3$) and not methyl orange ($pK_a = 3.7$) as an indicator?

- A. NaOH(aq) and $\text{HNO}_3(\text{aq})$ **SA**
 B. $\text{NH}_3(\text{aq})$ and $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH(aq)}$ **BOTH WEAK**
 C. NaOH(aq) and $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH(aq)}$ **WANT $pK_a = 9.3 \rightarrow$ must be basic or w/ strong base**
 D. $\text{NH}_3(\text{aq})$ and $\text{HNO}_3(\text{aq})$ **POINT WANT $pK_a = 3.7 \rightarrow$ can't use strong acid**

(Total 1 mark)

$\text{SB/WA} = \text{basic solution} = pK_a 9.3 \text{ works, but}$
 $pK_a 3.7 \text{ would not.}$

27. An experiment was carried out to determine the concentration of aqueous ammonia by titrating it with a 0.150 mol dm⁻³ sulfuric acid solution. It was found that 25.0 cm³ of the aqueous ammonia required 20.1 cm³ of the sulfuric acid solution for neutralization.

(a) Write the equation for the reaction and calculate the concentration, in mol dm⁻³, of the aqueous ammonia.

$$\textcircled{2} \text{NH}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \rightarrow (\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$$

OR

$$\text{NH}_4\text{OH} + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \rightarrow (\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4 + \textcircled{2} \text{H}_2\text{O}$$

b/c diprotic acid.

$$2 \times M_A V_A = M_B V_B$$
$$2(0.150 \text{ M})(20.1 \text{ mL}) = M_B(25.0 \text{ mL})$$

$$M_B = 0.241 \text{ M}$$

(4)

(b) Several acid-base indicators are listed in Table 16 of the Data Booklet. Identify **one** indicator that could be used for this experiment. Explain your answer.

$\text{NH}_3 \sim \text{NH}_4\text{OH}$ (Weak Base)
 H_2SO_4 (Strong Acid)

\Rightarrow Will reach equivalence @ $\text{pH} < 7$
 \therefore Methyl Red/orange or Bromocresol Blue/Green.

(3)

(c) (i) Determine the pOH of 0.121 mol dm⁻³ aqueous ammonia (pK_b = 4.75).

Weak base, so must use ICE chart and assumption or quadratic.

$-pK_b = 4.75 = 1.78 \times 10^{-5} = \frac{[\text{OH}^-][\text{NH}_4^+]}{[\text{NH}_3]}$
$$= \frac{x^2}{0.121 - x} \approx \frac{x^2}{0.121} = 1.78 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$x = [\text{OH}^-] = 1.47 \times 10^{-3}$$

(4)

$$-\log[\text{OH}^-] = 2.83 \text{ pOH}$$

(ii) State what is meant by the term *buffer solution*, and describe the composition of an acid buffer solution in general terms. A solution which resists change in pH (or changes in pH very slightly) when small amounts of acid or base are added. The composition would be: Weak Acid + Salts OR Weak Acid + Conj. Base.

(3)

(iii) Calculate the pH of a mixture of 50.0 cm³ of 0.100 mol dm⁻³ aqueous ammonia and 50.0 cm³ of 0.0500 mol dm⁻³ hydrochloric acid solution.

$0.100 \text{ M NH}_3 = \frac{x \text{ mol}}{0.050 \text{ L}} \Rightarrow 0.00500 \text{ mol NH}_3$
 $0.0500 \text{ M HCl} = \frac{x \text{ mol}}{0.050 \text{ L}} \Rightarrow 0.00250 \text{ mol HCl}$

$\frac{1}{2}$ of the NH_3 is neutralized, so
0.00250 left as NH_3 and
0.00250 now as NH_4^+

(4)

$pK_b = 4.75 \quad 10^{-4.75} = 1.78 \times 10^{-5} = K_b = \frac{[\text{NH}_4^+][\text{OH}^-]}{[\text{NH}_3]}$

$\Rightarrow [\text{OH}^-] = 1.78 \times 10^{-5}$
 $-\log[\text{OH}^-] = \text{pOH} = 4.75$
 $\text{pH} = 9.25$

(Total 18 marks)

28. (a) Predict and explain, using equations where appropriate, whether the following solutions are acidic, alkaline or neutral.

(i) 0.1 mol dm⁻³ FeCl₃(aq)

Salt

Acidic

C. Base

$\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_2 \sim \text{Fe}(\text{OH})_3 = \text{Weak Base}$

C. Acid

HCl = Strong Acid.

(1)

(ii) 0.1 mol dm⁻³ NaNO₃(aq)

Salt

Neutral

C. Base

NaOH = Strong Base

C. Acid

HNO₃ = Strong Acid

(1)

(iii) $0.1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3(\text{aq})$

Salt
Basic

C. Base
NaOH
C. Acid
 H_2CO_3

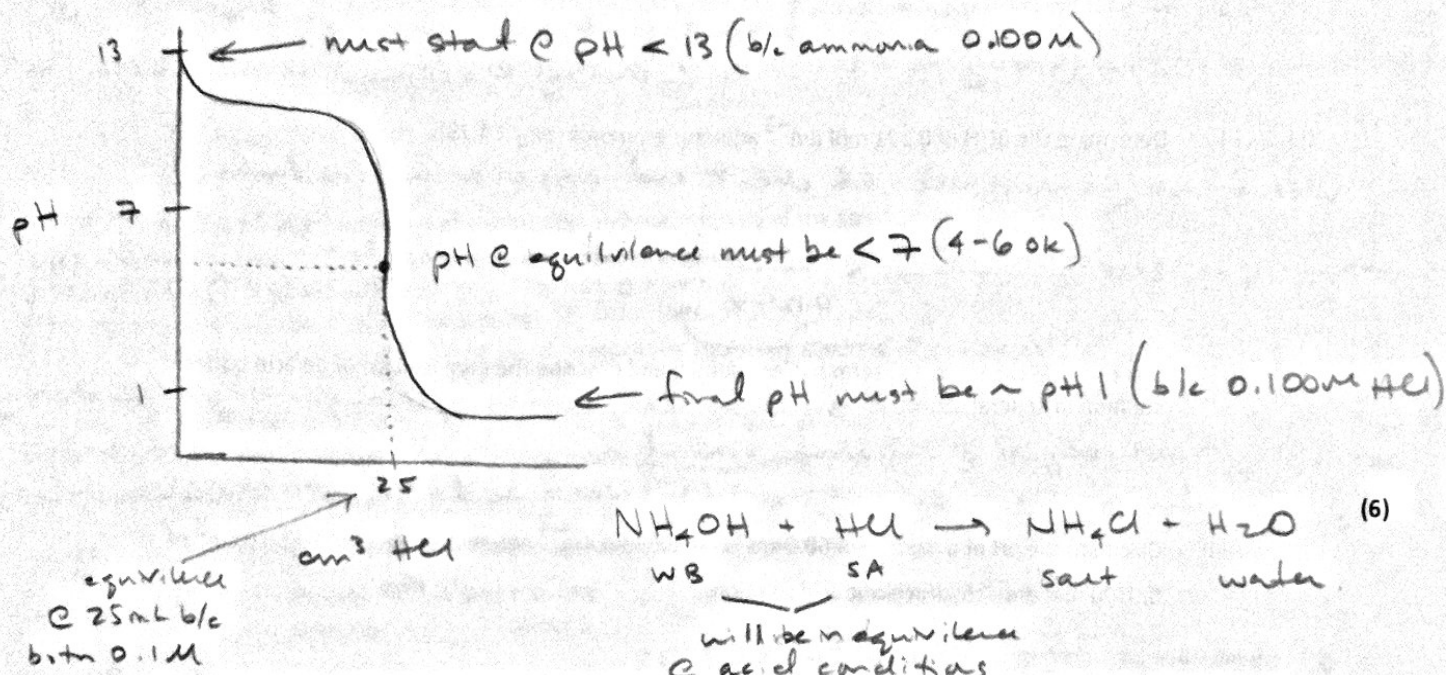
Strong Base
Weak Acid

(1)

(Total 3 marks)

29. $0.100 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ hydrochloric acid solution is added to 25.0 cm^3 $0.100 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ammonia solution and the pH is recorded until a total of 35.0 cm^3 hydrochloric acid has been added.

(i) Sketch a graph to show how the pH changes as hydrochloric acid is added to the ammonia solution. Use a pH scale of 0–14, and an acid volume scale of 0–35 cm^3 . Explain the shape of the curve.



(6)

(ii) Use table 17 of the Data Booklet to suggest an indicator that could be used in the titration, explaining your choice.

Methyl orange/red
Bromophenol blue
Bromocresol green

(2)

pKa of indicator around pH @ equivalence (or) end point (or) indicator pH range falls where there is a sharp pH change.

(Total 8 marks)

30. With reference to Table 16 in the Data Booklet, determine the pH of a $0.100 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ solution of propanoic acid. (hint: which I shouldn't give, use ICE chart)

$$\text{pKa}(\text{propanoic acid}) = 4.87$$

$$10^{-4.87} = 1.35 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$1.35 \times 10^{-5} = K_a = \frac{[\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COO}^-][\text{H}^+]}{[\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}]} = \frac{x^2}{0.100 - x} \approx \frac{x^2}{0.100} = 1.35 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = x = 1.16 \times 10^{-3}$$

(Total 3 marks)

$$-\log[\text{H}^+] = 2.94$$